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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Schwartz

DATE: May 11, 1977

FROM: John Falk

On May 10, 1977, upon conducting a survey at the L. A. Clark and Son, Inc. (formerly Southern Md. Wood Treating Co.) Hollywood, Maryland Plant it was noted that phenols contamination is evidently still a problem in regards to the "freshwater pond" and the stream whose source is at the "freshwater pond".

There is now a reddish floc in evidence covering the stream bed for at least the several hundred yards that I traversed the stream. I do not understand the lack of some kind of preventive measures to help alleviate this problem of apparent infiltration of phenols into the "freshwater pond" and thence the stream.

The purpose of our visit to this site was to retrieve water samples from the three (3) monitoring wells emplaced by the agency drilling crew in April, 1975. Upon pumping these wells by use of a air lift, all 3 wells initially produced black sludge of phenolic contaminated water. After pumping at least 45 minutes per well, wells #2 and #3 cleared up at least visually. Well #1, after this same period of time, showed contamination visually in the sample container. All well samples were submitted to the WRA lab.

At the present time, the Hazardous and Industrial Waste Section is conducting a study of this site and would appreciate any assistance your section would be free to offer.

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